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Re: MUR 6425

February 11, 2011

Dear Mr. Jordan:

This is in response to the complaint filed by Congressman Russ Carnahan's 2010 congressional campaign. This is on behalf of all parties.

Congressman Carnahan's campaign has alleged that our campaign violated certain rules/laws in December 2009 regarding the use of email lists or other information especially as it related to a Missouri non-profit corporation that went out of existence in December 2008. We deny the allegations.

Here is the background to this issue:

In the summer 2008, a few local citizens started the grassroots effort called SaveAB.com one night in my backyard in south St. Louis City. I - along with some friends - was worried that our hometown brewer, Anheuser-Busch, would be taken over by a foreign company.

There were a few individuals involved at the beginning. One bought a domain name: (www.SaveAB.com). I wrote the text for the website and volunteered to have my office phone number be the phone number for inquiries. A local computer company owner - Mike Smith of Miken Technologies - set up the website. We had no money for the effort and paid for what we did with our own funds and used our own property. We were never paid by any outside groups seeking to influence the sale.

SaveAB.com hosted rallies, started an on-line petition, spoke to the press, and added allies to the effort including the local Carpenters' and Laborers' unions who contributed clipboards, paper, and personnel. We also have a local restaurant Al Hrabosky's Ballpark Saloon host our rallies. A local union printer printed bumper stickers too.

The effort was a huge initial success and generated thousands of calls, inquiries and press contact. We did radio, TV, print and on-line interviews. People came or contacted us from all over the globe included press from Japan, military men and women from overseas American bases and on and on. We kept a huge email address list that we used to contact supporters.

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Some individuals were interested in donating money to this effort for printing and signs but we resisted this because the effort was so loosely organized. However, in July 2008, we formed a Missouri non-profit - SaveAB for America - because we had decided to get t-shirts made and we expected to collect payment for t-shirts and needed a bank account (so that no one would personally accept the money).

However, when the board of A-B announced that the sale would proceed (mere weeks after SaveAB.com started), we decided to immediately stop SaveAB.com. We were not interested in helping organize a boycott so we saw our work as complete.

Although we had intended to use the Missouri non-profit, we never did. It was not used to purchase anything, not to sell anything, not to hold anything of value. It did not have any assets when it was dissolved in 2008. Please see the dissolution documents attached.

We assumed that this was the end of attention on our effort to Save A-B and SaveAB.com.

However, over the course of 2009 as A-B InBev shed Missouri jobs, we were contacted about leading a boycott and using the SaveAB.com site for this. These contacts went unanswered by me or others.

In December 2009, the anniversary of the closing of the sale of Anheuser-Busch approached and there were numerous press accounts of what had transpired. I received multiple requests for interviews and statements (because the phone number for SaveAB.com was my office number). After a number of inquiries to which we did not respond, we decided to send an email to the supporters' list stating that we were out of business and not doing it any more. We also took that opportunity to thank many of the people who had helped us. After this email, the inquiries stopped and it seemed that the SaveAB.com effort was over.

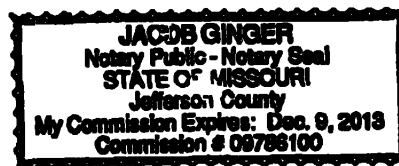
Should you have more questions, please contact me directly.

All the best,

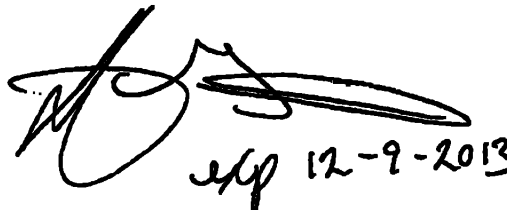
Sincerely,



Ed Martin



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State of Missouri
Robin Carahan, Secretary of State

Corporations Division
P.O. Box 778 / 404 W. Main Street, Rm 322
Jefferson City, MO 64403

File Number:

N00906214

Date Filed: 03/31/2009

Robin Carahan
Secretary of State

**Articles of Dissolution by Voluntary Action
for a Nonprofit Corporation**
(Submit with filing fee of \$10.00)

The undersigned corporation, for the purpose of dissolving, and pursuant to the provisions of the "Nonprofit Corporation Act" of the State of Missouri relating to the dissolution of said corporation, hereby executes the following articles of dissolution:

- (1) The name of corporation is: Save AB.com For America
- (2) Dissolution was authorized on: December 17, 2008
and was approved by a sufficient vote of the board. Month/Day/Year
- (3) If approval of members was not required, and dissolution was approved by a sufficient vote of the board of directors or incorporation, check here and slip to number (5): ✓
- (4) If approval by members was required, check here and provide the following information: _____
- A. Number of memberships outstanding: _____
- B. Complete either i or ii:
- i. Number of votes for and against the dissolution by class was:
- | Class: | Number entitled to vote: | Number voting for: | Number voting against: |
|--------|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
- ii. Number of undisputed votes cast for dissolution was sufficient for approval, and was:
- Class: Number Voting undisputed: .
- _____
- _____
- _____

- (5) If the corporation is a public benefit corporation, notice has been given to the attorney general as required by subsection 1 of section 355.676. Check here: ✓

Please see next page

Name and address to return filed document:

Name: Ed Martin
Address: 6037 PAMPION AVENUE
City, State, and Zip Code: ST. LOUIS, MO 63109

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- (6) If approval for dissolution by some person or persons other than the members, the board or the incorporators is required pursuant to Section 355.671, state that such approval was obtained by checking here: ☐
- (7) The effective date of this document is the date it is filed by the Secretary of State of Missouri, unless you indicate a future date, as follows: _____

(Date may not be more than 90 days after the filing date in this Office)

In Affirmation thereof, the facts stated above are true and correct:

(The undersigned understands that false statements made in this filing are subject to the penalties provided under Section 575.040, RSMo)

	Ed Martin	Registered Agent	3/15/2009
<i>Authorized signature of officer or chairman of the board</i>	<i>Printed Name</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Date</i>

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ROBIN CARNAHAN
SECRETARY OF STATE

CORPORATIONS DIVISION
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March 31, 2009

Ed Martin Law Firm, LLC
6037 Hampton Ave
St Louis, MO 63109

RE: SaveAB.com For America
N00906214

Dear Corporation:

We have received the Articles of Voluntary Dissolution for the above-mentioned corporation and have filed them in our office.

We have received the Articles for Termination and are pleased to issue a Certificate of Termination for the corporation.

Secretary of State
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